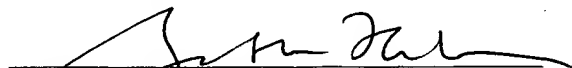




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In response to the Office Action of February 11, 2004, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.